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In re the Application of

Goran MARTENSSON Previous Group Art Unit: 3635

Serial No.: To be assigned Previous Examiner: N. Slack

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For: FLOORING MATERIAL COMPRISING FLOORING ELEMENTS WHICH ARE ASSEMBLED BY

MEANS OF SEPARATE JOINING ELEMENTS

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.56**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the applicants hereby call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached List of References. All of these references are of record in the parent application; copies need not be submitted (see 37 CFR §1.98(d)). This list of references is being provided to ensure listing of these references on a patent to issue in this application in accordance with the following paragraph of MPEP 609:

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Applicant presents these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention; see <u>Beckman Instruments</u>, <u>Inc. v. Chemtronics</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970).

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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